GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector - Irregularities in carrying out mutation on public holidays 14.08.2021 and 15.08.2021 in Sy.No.1 to 93 situated at Janakirampuram Agraharam village of Rolugunta Mandal being under orders of Transfer, without verifying the documents and contrary to the provisions of ROR Act - Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge - Issued .

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.871 **Dated: 22.09.2023**

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III)

3. Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector is directed to submit a written statement of his defence, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.Krishna Murthy, former Tahasildar, Rolugunta Mandal, Anakapalli District (erstwhile Visakhapatnam Dist), now Deputy Collector (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri

Copy to:

The District Collector, Anakapalli District.

SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KRISHNA MURTHY, FORMER TAHASILDAR, ROLUGUNTA MANDAL, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE VISAKHAPATNAM DIST), NOW DEPUTY COLLECTOR.

Article Of Charge -1:

That Sri P.Krishna Murthy, the then Tahsildar, Rolugunta Anakapalli District (Secretariat employee), now Dy. Collector, has carried out mutations with respect of lands which are Inam in nature, measuring an extent of Ac.115.8275Cts of Janankipuram Agraharam, Rolugunta Mandal which are under dispute without conducting proper enquiry (applicants are not in physical possession) which is contrary to the provisions of the ROR Act.

Article Of Charge -2:

That Sri P.Krishna Murthy, the then Tahsildar, Rolugunta Anakapalli District (Secretariat employee), now Dy. Collector in collusion with the applicants and without giving opportunity to the Ryoths who are in physical possession has mutated the names of the applicants and has failed to follow the ROR Act while carrying out the mutations.

Article Of Charge -3:

That Sri P.Krishna Murthy, the then Tahsildar, Rolugunta (Secretariat employee) has carried out these mutations, though he was transferred and relieved vide orders of the District Collector vide Progs.Rc.No.73/2021G dt.14-08-2021 and has left the office without handing over the CTC on 15.08.2021. Thus, the Tahsildar being responsible Government Servant has wantonly neglected the orders of the District Collector, erstwhile Visakhapatnam and also performed his official duties in a way deemed to be lacking in devotion in exercise of powers conferred upon him.

Thus, the conduct of the Tahsildar as submitted supra shows that being a responsible Officer, whose primary duty is to follow the instructions of the Government and to follow the due procedure has prima-facie failed to maintain absolute integrity, discipline, impartiality and propriety and behaved in manner unbecoming of Public Servant. He, being a responsible Government Servant has wantonly acted in a irresponsible & hasty manner in discharging his legitimate duties by misusing his official powers, which will place his official position under certain kind of embarrassment and also performed his official duties in a way deemed to be lacking in devotion in exercise of powers conferred upon him which is gross negligence in discharging his legitimate duties and amounts to gross violation of Rule 3(1), 3(2), 3(3) & 3(4) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1964 read with the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Classification, Control & Appeal Rules 1991.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS FO MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KRISHNA MURTHY, FORMER TAHASILDAR, ROLUGUNTA MANDAL, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE VISAKHAPATNAM DIST), NOW DEPUTY COLLECTOR.

The Government Pleader for Revenue, Hon'ble High Court of A.P., Amaravathi has informed that W.P.No.5523/2022 & W.P.No.6229/2022 filed by Sri Dungala Yerra Patrudu and others have come up for hearing before the Hon'ble High Court on 18.11.2022 and after hearing the arguments of both sides, the Hon'ble Court has pointed out Para 10 of the counter affidavit filed by the concerned Tahsildar, wherein the Tahsildar has supported the actions of the then Tahsildar in issuing pattadar pass books and title deeds in favour of the unofficial respondents in the said writ petition on 14.08.2021 & 15.8.2021 (being holidays). Subsequently, the then Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam has submitted a report on 04.12.2021 deprecating the action of the then Tahsildar in issuing pattadar pass books and title deeds.

The Hon'ble High Court has issued the orders on 18.11.2022 directing "the District Collector/4th respondent to file a detailed Counter Affidavit with reference to the report submitted by the Revenue Divisional Officer dated 04.12.2021 and the action taken thereon including on the then Tahsildar, Rolugunta Mandal.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam vide Lr.Rc. No.956/2021/J (JA), Dt.04.12.2022 has reported that the then Tahsildar, Rolugunta has committed gross irregularities with respect certain lands in nature and there are title disputes on the said lands comprising of several Court cases. The then Tahsildar, Rolugunta issued PPBs on 14.08.2021 and 15.08.2021 with digital token.

The Tahsildar, Rolugunta has wantonly carried out the mutations for such lands which are under title disputes and under several court cases, even after he was transferred and relived vide orders of the District Collector vide Progs.Rc.No.73/2021G dtd.14-08-2021. The Mutation was also carried out in contrary to the provisions of the ROR Act. The Tahsildar has committed gross irregularity in accepting the Mutation applications. The attitude of the Tahsildar is vindictive.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KRISHNA MURTHY, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, ROLUGUNTA , ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE VISAKHAPATNAM DIST), NOW DEPUTY COLLECTOR ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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Lr.Rc.No.956/2021/J (JA), Dt.04.12.2022 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.KRISHNA MURTHY, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, ROLUGUNTA, ANAKAPALLI DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE VISAKHAPATNAM DIST), NOW DEPUTY COLLECTOR ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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